GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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STATUS OF COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS .
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Community Radio Stations (CRSs) presently functioning in the country, State-wise and Union-Territory-wise;

(b) the number of applications received and cleared for setting up CRSs to non-Profit Organisations, till date; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for expansion of such radio stations all over the country including in backward and rural areas ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI P.R.DASMUNSI)

(a) The number of Community Radio Stations (CRSs) reported functioning in the country presently is 34. The State-wise and Union-Territory-wise details are as follows:

Name of State	No. of CRS
Andhra Pradesh	2
Bihar	1
Delhi	5
Gujarat	2
Karnataka	2
Kerala	1
Maharashtra	3
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	3
Tamil Nadu	8
Uttar Pradesh	4
Chandigarh	1
Puducherry	1

(b) The number of applications received and cleared for setting up CRS to Non-Profit Organisations till date are 114 and 18 respectively.

(c) The Government has taken steps to sensitize the scheme by arranging a number of consultations and workshops at regional and national level throughout the country where prospective organizations from rural and backward areas are also invited to participate. Letters have also been sent to Chief Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories to give sufficient publicity to the scheme in the print as well as audio-visual media.